GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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Sale of Wheat under OMSS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reduced the quantum of wheat to be sold under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) during 2016-17 as compared to previous year;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has decided to further extend 25% import duty on wheat to curb inward shipments; and
(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum of wheat imported by private traders from Australia and France during the last one year and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. During 2015-16, 111 Lakh Metric Ton wheat was allocated for sale under OMSS(D). In the year 2016-17, a target of 65-75 lakh MT has been set.
The details of sale of wheat under OMSS(D) during the years 2015-16 and 2016-17 are as under :

Year	Quantity of wheat sold (In LMT)
2015-16	70.77
2016-17(upto 29.07. 2016)	9.92

(c) &(d): Yes, Madam. The Government has decided to extend import duty of 25% on wheat to protect the interests of Indian farmers by curbing inflow of imported wheat to the country. The quantities of wheat imported by private traders from Australia and France during the last one year and the current year are as under :-
(Quantity in tons)

Country	*Quantity of wheat imported during the year 2015-16	2016-17 (April to May)
Australia	462602	NIL
France	52500	NIL

*provisional figures provided by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCIS).
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